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SUMMARY: DURING DISCUSSION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY 22, SENIOR MFA REPS PRESSED HARD FOR US VIEWS ON NEXT STEPS WITH REGARD TO CONSULTATION PROBLEM BETWEEN EC AND US. THEY EXPRESSED, IN PARTICULAR, A DESIRE TO HAVE A FIRM US REACTION BEFORE EC FONMINS MEET IN SECOND

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WEEK OF JUNE. NE DIRECTOR BUELL AND DCM PROMISED TO PASS THESE VIEWS

ON BUT SAID THEY COULD NOT PROMISE THERE WOULD BE A FORMAL US RESPONSE OF NATURE DANES SEEMED TO DESIRE.

END SUMMARY.

1. BUELL, NE DIRECTOR, AND DCM WERE RECEIVED BY BH PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGEL JORGENSEN, POLITICAL DIRECTOR BORCH AND HIS DEPUTY BIERRING. AFTER DISCUSSION OF BRITISH TEXT OF NATO DECLARATION (SEPTTEL) DANES SHIFTED THEIR GUNS TO QUESTION OF US-EC CONSULTATIONS. BORCH LED OFF BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING NEXT WEEK IN BONN AND THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT HE AND THE OTHER POLITICAL DIRECTORS BE AWARE OF US GOVT'S REACTION TO PROPOSALS WHICH HAD COME FROM SCHLOSS GYMnich MEETINGS. JORGENSEN ADDED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FIRM US REACTION ON THE CONSULTATION QUESTION BEFORE THE EC FOMMINS MEETING NEXT MONTH. DCM POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD CONVEYED US REACTION TO JORGENSEN IN MEETING LAST WEEK (COPENHAGEN 1337).

(COMMENT: IT SEEMED OBVIOUS THAT JORGENSEN HAD NOT CAREFULLY NOTED POINTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM OR, MORE LIKELY, THAT HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM BORCH TO GET SOMETHING MORE FROM THE US BEFORE BORCH'S MEETING WITH OTHER POLITICAL DIRECTORS NEXT WEEK.) BUELL SAID THAT THERE WAS SOME QUESTION IN HIS MIND WHETHER THE NINE WOULD BE READY NOW TO FOCUS ON THIS ADMITTEDLY "HOT" ISSUE OF CONSULTATIONS WHEN SEVERAL OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES WERE IN THE PROCESS OF FORMING NEW GOVTS. FOR THIS REASON, AMONG OTHERS, WE WERE FOCUSING OUR ENERGIES FOR THE MOMENT ON THE NATO DECLARATION-- WITH THE CONSULTATIVE PROVISIONS--AS BEING LIKELY OF EARLY ACHIEVEMENT, PUTTING THE ISSUE OF EC-US CONSULTATION FURTHER TO THE BACK OF THE STOVE.

2. JORGENSEN ADMITTED THAT THE FORMATION OF NEW GOVTS COULD BE A PROBLEM, BUT AGAIN INDICATED THE DANES WOULD LIKE A MORE FORMAL US REACTION. BUELL SAID THAT THIS DANISH CONCERN WOULD OF COURSE BE REPEATED TO WASHINGTON, BUT EMPHASIZED HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY FURTHER VIEWS TO PASS TO THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS BEFORE THE MEETING. HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS CONCERN IN WASHINGTON THAT CONSULTATION IS NOT FORMALIZED ENOUGH AND THAT THE RATHER PRAGMATIC AND AD HOC APPROACH, WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD CAME OUT OF THE GYMnich MEETINGS, MIGHT NOT SATISFY OUR NEEDS.

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3. COMMENT: BUELL'S CALL ON JORGENSEN HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN BILLED AS A COURTESY CALL BUT IT BECAME CLEAR THAT JORGENSEN WISHED TO GET ACROSS A MESSAGE ON THE CONSULTATION QUESTION. THE DANES APPARENTLY DEDUCED FROM THE GYMnich MEETINGS THAT THE NINE HAD THROWN THE BALL INTO THE US COURT AND THEY CONSEQUENTLY FEEL THEN CAN NOW EXPECT A "CLEAR" REACTION FROM US--PRESUMABLY AND PREFERABLY, HOWEVER, IF THAT REACTION IS TO BE

ONE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR VIEWS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW
WHETHER OUR EMBASSIES IN THE OTHER EC CAPITALS HAVE RECEIVED THE
SAME EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN IN THIS MATTER OR WHETHER THIS HAS BEEN
RAISED IN WASHINGTON.
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